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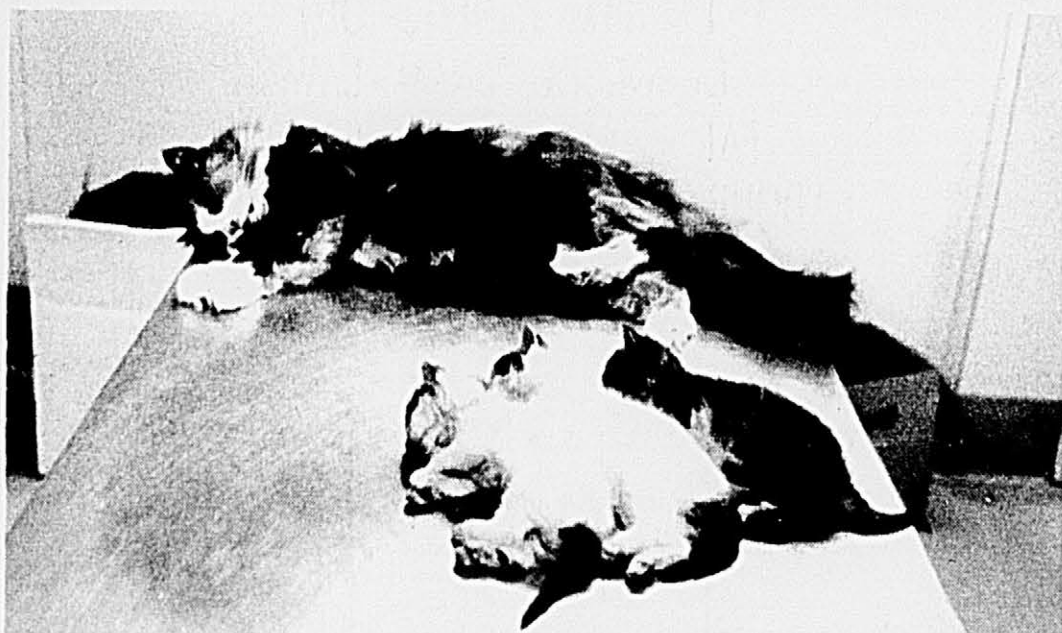
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Coalition demands reform of SPCA



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THESE CATS WERE EUTHANIZED BY LETHAL INJECTION AT THE MONTREAL SPCA. INJECTION IS SAID TO BE MORE HUMANE GAS CHAMBERS

BY KRISTIN ANDREWS

The Laval animal shelter has come under fire from its residents amidst charges of financial mismanagement and accusations that it uses a defective gas chamber when putting down animals.

Residents formed a coalition after reports that animals at the Laval branch of the Montréal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) were facing unnecessary cruelty when slated to die.

"[In the SPCA] there are various levels of incompetence down to outright negligence," said Alex Wolf, a member of the Coalition for Reform of the SPCA.

Wolf founded the Coalition last May in response to what he calls the "long-term scandal" of mismanagement of funds and failure to provide humane euthanasia for animals over a period of years.

This August, Wolf received a call from an anonymous volunteer for the SPCA, who claimed that the gas chamber used in Laval wasn't being properly maintained.

When the Coalition examined the centre, it found that the gas chamber lacked a meter for reading the gas level, had an inaccessible observation window, and a missing gasket which ensures that the door is sealed properly.

Instructions for operating the gas chamber were long, complex, and printed in English only, while most of the volunteers in Laval are unilingual francophones, said Wolf.

The Coalition is demanding that the manager at the Laval branch of

the SPCA and her two supervisors in Montréal be fired for failure to maintain the facility. The Coalition is also demanding the resignation of the president of the volunteer Board of Directors of the SPCA for failure to respond to Wolf's complaints and for alleged intimidation of Coalition members.

A committee of SPCA volunteers independent of the Board should be allowed regular access to SPCA facilities for inspection, Wolf said. He had to pressure the SPCA

repeatedly to be allowed to see the gas chamber at all.

"We do not like this equipment any more than Mr. Wolf does," said Raymond LeMoine, the president of the Board of Directors for the Montréal SPCA. The Board voted in June to have the equipment removed, he said.

According to LeMoine, because the gas chamber method is significantly cheaper than euthanasia by lethal injection (30¢ an animal as opposed to \$5.50), funds must be

raised in order to close the Laval facility. The SPCA is counting on donations from the Laval district of the SPCA to cover the costs of conversion.

Wolf said the SPCA would have the money for conversion if it prioritized spending more carefully.

"The trouble is that [the SPCA] is wasting so much money that they have no money to pay for improvements," said Wolf.

The budgetary priority of the SPCA has been salaries for a top-heavy management apparatus, and not animal welfare, said Wolf. The Committee for Reform of the SPCA wants the records of the society to be opened to an investigative committee independent of the board of directors.

"We want transparency and accountability," Wolf said. "Only then can reform begin."

The current Board, which was elected in June, has taken action on persistent problems like the Laval gas chamber, said LeMoine. He said he would not resign on the basis of what he considers one member's complaint.

"I'm not going to resign simply because Mr. Wolf, who was not willing to run for the board himself, has asked me to," said Le Moine.

Wolf said he had presented himself in the Board elections this year but withdrew his candidacy when

he saw that his slate of "reform candidates" had changed their policies.

Claude Dion, executive director of the Montréal SPCA, said that Wolf's allegations that the SPCA's financial worries are from top-heavy management are "just too simple."

The main reason why the SPCA is in trouble is not mismanagement, but underfunding from the municipal government, Dion said. "We are acting as the pound for Montréal and 30 other municipalities on the island without payment for our services," he said.

Most of the Montréal SPCA's \$4 million budget comes from donations from private citizens.

The Montréal SPCA receives \$160 000 a year from the city of Montréal, compared to Toronto's funding of their SPCA to the tune of \$700 000. "Remember that in Montréal we receive 30,000 animals each year, while Toronto only receives 12,000," Dion said.

The Coalition for Reform of the SPCA will stage a demonstration this Saturday at 1 p.m. outside the main offices of the Montréal SPCA, 5215 Jean Talon. "We will continue to hold demonstrations every Saturday until our demands are met," Wolf said.

Wolf encourages those interested in joining the Coalition for Reform to phone 484-9307.

City Hall besieged by union workers

City negotiating in bad faith with union employees

BY DAMION STODOLA

Two thousand disgruntled city workers protested and rioted during City council's Monday night meeting.

Demonstrators outside City Hall denounced the Doré administration's decision to abandon negotiations with city unions and invoke Bill 102, a provincial law which will freeze salaries for two years.

Around 9 p.m., 40 bus loads of blue-collar workers arrived outside the Notre-Dame building. They demanded Doré's resignation for what they say is a breach of good faith in the negotiating process.

"The administration is completely deaf," said Jean Lapointe,

president of local 301 of the blue-collar union. "We offered the city savings of \$6 million, but they wouldn't listen to us."

Doré's administration has already imposed layoffs on its 13,000 blue-collar workers over the summer. He cites the soaring debt and uncontrolled spending as the cause for cuts.

Demonstrators circled City Hall and gathered around the west entrance where 30 hockey-helmeted union workers broke windows and the west doors with the aid of wooden battering rams.

Rioters were denied access to the building by 30 riot squad officers and then cleared from the surrounding area by about 80 other officers.

Doré: expect service cutbacks

The scheduled council meeting was abruptly adjourned around 9:30 p.m. Doré announced negotiations had failed and that City Hall will adopt the provincial legislature's wage-freeze law.

In Council, Doré said the City must save \$40 million from next year's payroll to balance the budget. The City has been involved in heavy negotiations with city unions over the summer in an attempt to save money and to avoid invoking Bill 102.

Union workers, however, claim the administration has repeatedly ignored their efforts to help the City save money. Lapointe warned that services will be affected if Bill 102 is imposed.

"They are accepting a regulation

that is not in the best interests of the citizens," said Lapointe.

It is now expected that the City will have to cut services and lay off workers to balance the budget. "It is inevitable that services will be cut," Doré told the *Gazette*.

Speculation abounds as to which services will be affected. Rumours over the summer speculated non-essential services such as would be cut for two weeks.

Other options include contracting out snow removal and garbage disposal.

Lapointe closed the demonstration stating that workers will return until the City listens to them in good faith.

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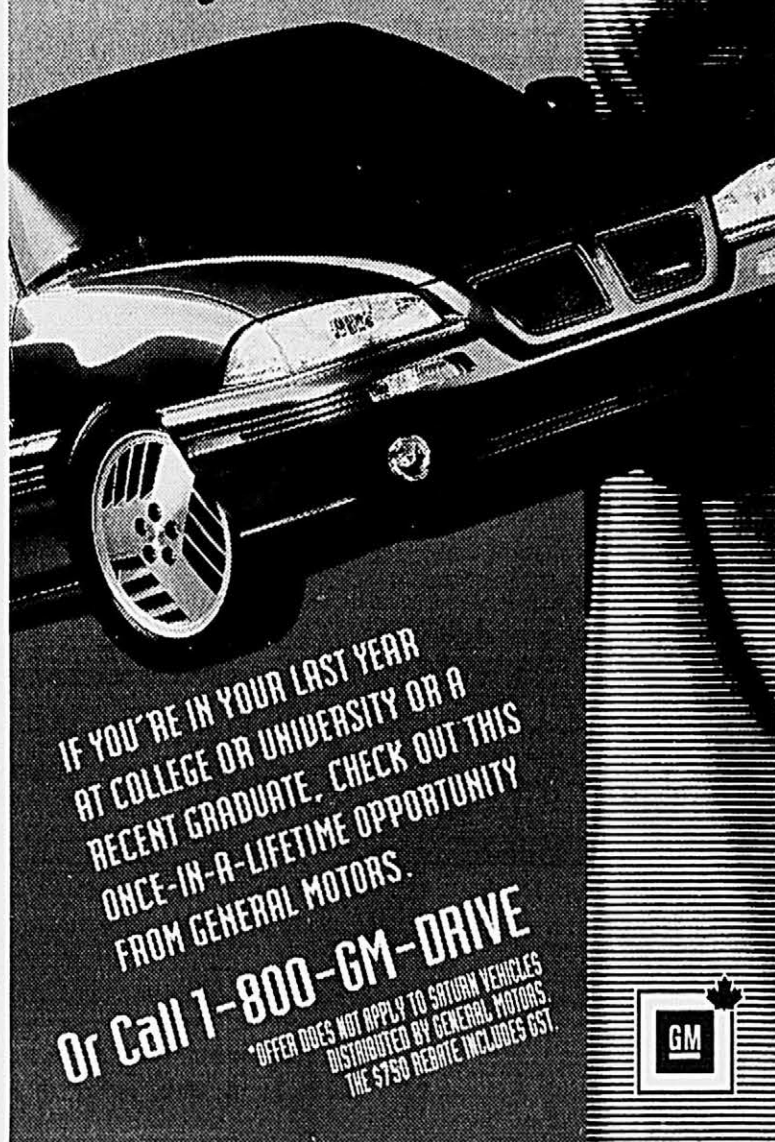
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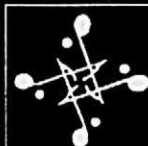
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The McBuddies Club will be having its first meeting Monday September 20 at 7 pm, 550 Sherbrooke St, room 1170. All volunteer tutors welcome!!!

Black Students' Network

Social meeting Wednesday 15, '93 at 5pm, room 302.

Sexual Assault Centre of McGill's Students' Society Needs Your Help!!!

On Tuesday, September 14th '93, at 11:45am, a man was hanging around in the Park-Pine Interchange, fondling himself, approaching women and then pulling down his shorts. A woman notified the police, who later picked him up. However, for the police to keep him in custody, it is necessary that anyone who may have seen him or been approached by him, to call Detective Gabriel Beaulieu at 280-3381. The man has dark brown hair, a mustache, a perverse jolly face, about 180 pounds with a pot-belly, and is in his 40's. At the time, he was wearing bright pink shorts and a blue striped t-shirt.

If anyone has any information please call the above number or the Sexual Assault Centre of McGill at 398-2700.

BY AFRA JALABI AND JUDITH
WEISSMANN

Maybe you did not show up at the demonstration, protesting the genocide in Bosnia, because you do not know what is happening there. Or maybe you have just lost faith in demonstrations. Whatever the reason, we are going to start at square one, and tell you what has happened to the Bosnian community, and then maybe you will realize that what is taking place in Bosnia is not only worthy of your attention but your involvement.

Contrary to what you might think, former Yugoslavia is not in the midst of a civil war. Bosnia was granted Independence in 1992 and is formally recognized by the United Nations (UN) as an independent, autonomous Nation State. What is taking place in Bosnia is a war of aggression.

Serbia began its war of aggression in April 1992. Since then, at least 250,000-300,000 people have been killed. Thousands have died like animals in the streets. During a period of five months 1600 people died in one concentration camp. Systematic and organized rape has claimed 30,000-50,000 victims. The on-going war conditions make accurate figures difficult to attain.

You have probably come across the term "ethnic cleansing". Perhaps a more appropriate term would be "religious cleansing". Bosnians, Serbs and Croats share a similar ethnic background but 500 years ago a certain part of the population, mostly located in Bosnia, chose to embrace Islam.

These Bosnians, however, were always associated with the Serbian population. Their identities, as Bosnians, were systematically denied.

In 1918 Yugoslavia was created. Since World War II the Serbs have controlled the federal army which is now giving the Serbian government the advantage of military dominance. This is an advantage which the Bosnians do not have; they remain unarmed.

In an attempt to limit the crisis, the international community decided to place an arms embargo on all the republics of former Yugoslavia claiming that to supply any of these countries with arms would be to fuel the war.

Since Serbians had access to a large supply of arms before the war, Bosnians are the only victims of this embargo.

Dzafer Saric, a Bosnian Canadian, said that UN supervision in Bosnia is not working.

"We don't need Canadian blood or soldiers [in Bosnia], we need arms," said Saric.

But the policy of non-intervention which seems to characterize the international community's attitude goes far beyond armament policies.

Four hundred protesters who marched through Montréal last Sunday accused the Canadian government of worsening the situation through its silence.

Protest organizer Stéphane

Silence and Serbians are killing Bosnians

"If they won't defend us, then they must let us defend ourselves," said Lejlic, the representative of the Bosnian Ambassador to the UN. "Our hands are tied. And we are forced to sit at negotiation tables with war criminals."

"When a gun is placed close to your head and you are told to negotiate, you negotiate," said Lejlic.

Gélinas, was motivated to action after reading in the *New York Times* that Canada was apparently the only country to object to United States-led military intervention.

Protesters marched not only against the genocide in Bosnia but also against the lack of sincere interest the Canadian government has exhibited.

Protesters gathered at Carré St. Louis and walked down to a university hall on de Maisonneuve where Prime Minister Kim Campbell was working on her election campaign. One hundred and seventy-five Québec artists, intellectuals, and politicians signed a petition that was to be presented to Campbell.

She refused to meet with the crowd and eventually left through



DAILY PHOTO BY BAIBA VILLES

the back door.

"She has given us a very clear message," said Gélinas, "please think about who you want as your representative. Who will you vote for?"

Only 400 people gathered for this protest. This is indicative of the apathetic state in which we live. Silence can be one of the worst forms of aggression.

Representative of the Bosnian ambassador, Ali Lejlic, flew in from New York to attend the demonstration.

"If they won't defend us, then

microphone at the demonstration.

"There is so much ugliness in this world. It is a duty for us to stand against a wrong doing wherever and whenever it is happening," Lotayef said. "We are going towards a very ugly end."

"The blood that is spilled in Bosnia will fall on many people in the time to come," said another protester.

Haseeba Tebbal, a veiled Muslim woman from Algeria, was among the demonstrators. "When genocide takes place, those who

"The Bosnian community is asking the Red Cross or the Canadian government to send our humanitarian aid. We will pay for delivery. We just need the means to get it there," said Saric.

It is not enough to bring only a few children from Bosnia and then to blow up these stories in the Press, highlighting Canadian heroism while our government practically supervises the genocide in Bosnia.

Bosnian students on campus walk on the same streets as we do and in and out of the same classes.

In July, the official tally of losses, as supplied by the Bosnian government, were as follows:

139,000 dead and missing; 68,000 seriously wounded; 3 million refugees; 38 towns substantially destroyed; 800 mosques demolished; 200 churches destroyed; 3 million people without power; 2.5 million people without water.

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The peace plan proposed by the international community approves Serbian aggression. At the negotiation table Bosnians are being unfairly given only 30 percent of the territory of Bosnia.

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Ehab Lotayef was one of the protesters who spoke through the open

believe in justice should speak up, whether those who are dying are White, Black, Jewish, Muslim or Christian," said Tebbal. "It doesn't matter, we are all human."

If you are feeling overwhelmed by the horror and immensity of the situation do not feel that there is nothing you can do. Dzafer Saric has \$5,000 worth of medicine sitting in his home and he is waiting for the means to send this aid to Sarajevo. Letters should be written to the Red Cross calling for their help.

Yet they carry a crushing pain in their hearts. They have lost family and friends and they are still losing. There doesn't seem to be an end in sight.

If you would like to offer help please contact the following people. Fahmida Khan is drafting letters to send to politicians denouncing the systematic rape of Bosnian women. To help please phone 932-0592. The Bosnian Relief organization is accepting donations and general help. You can call Fatima Osmancevic at 739-1336.

COMMENT

Why we need a minority government

Let's face it; Canada's political system needs a little slimming down. Not the sort of deliberate Campbell-esque slimming down through cabinet shuffles and bureaucratic amalgamations. That sort of work is just institutional Scrabble — no matter how you rearrange it, you have the same number of letters spelling 'maximum profit'.

Not the sort of social policy gutting recommended by the most interesting Mr. Manning. That hurts more than it helps, and moves counter to the social values Canadians espouse.

When imposed by a ruling majority, measures like these will naturally bend the party's strategic agenda.

What we need is a minority government.

The principal federal parties, the Tories and the Grits, have traded power back and forth since Confederation, differing little in the majority of policy matters. It doesn't matter who you elect, as circumstances will force the party in office to make a given set of decisions. Mulroney's complete about-face on the free trade issue, and Trudeau's backflip on wage and price controls are examples to note.

After nineteen years of majority government, (you'll excuse the omission of king-for-a-day Joe Clark) our political parties have become too used to their four or five-year elected dictatorships.

To use Mulroney's distasteful expression, "There's no whore like an old whore."

The federal parties need a little lesson in humility. They need to get scared. They need to be forced to compromise with other parties representing regional interests and ideological bases, so that a government closer to the national desires can be created.

Free from the forces which govern the two entrenched national parties, "third" parties have the luxury of adhering to their regional beliefs and ideologies. Created as protest parties to the pan-Canadian brokerage of the Tories and Grits, these parties represent views too politically dangerous for the establishment parties to hold.

When third parties hold the balance of power in minority governments, specific ideas and policies are implemented which are more representative of the Canadian identity: a collection of regions and not one homogeneous country.

Case in point: without Liberal dependence on the CCF/NDP for votes throughout the middle of this century, we would not have developed the social safety net we have today.

Of course, minority governments are not without their problems. There have always been regional views in the Commons, but in a majority parliament these views get lost in a sea of party discipline. Coalition governments steered by a leading minority party tend to be unstable. They risk losing their allies at crucial moments and suffering defeat. A similar instability may arise if party discipline is abandoned, as Mr. Klein and Mr. Decore have agreed to do in the Alberta legislature.

For the long term health of our political system, either a new paradigm must emerge, or the current one must be modified. The establishment parties must realign their way of governance in accordance with the people's wishes, and they cannot be trusted to bring this about internally. A minority government is, in our minds, the only political contingency which will bring about a renewed responsibility in government.

Zack Taylor
Damion Stodola

LETTERS

Frat Jabs

To the Daily:

In Monday's Daily, Damion Stodola concludes with the line, "Question [fraternities'] motives and their words and refuse to tolerate sexist 'jokes' and ideas."

That his column was published de-

mands me to question the Daily's motives and integrity.

No doubt much of what was written applies to some social fraternities at McGill, but by definition it cannot apply to professional fraternities since the latter do not even "rush". In fact, as the McGill Co-ed Medical Fraternity clearly



HYDE PARK

New Era Today

An opinion by Michael Silverman, Progressive Zionist Caucus

On Monday morning, 11:45 am, Israel and the PLO, representing the Palestinian people, signed a declaration of principles which will soon put the PLO in power in the Gaza Strip and Jericho, with, as time passes and all goes smoothly, increasing amounts of the West Bank coming under PLO control.

This historic agreement marks both an end and a beginning. The era which it brings to a close was an era of non-recognition in which neither side in the dispute recognized the other as legitimate. The Israelis, since the founding of the modern Zionist settlement in the Biblical Land of Israel/Palestine, never fully recognized the existence and national rights of the Arabs who lived in that same land. The Arabs reciprocated denying the historical right of the Jewish people to

the land, calling the Zionists European invaders.

To the Israelis the Palestinians were not a nation in and of themselves, they were merely part of the larger Arab nation, and therefore had no right to the specific land in dispute. "Why couldn't they just go live in one of the 21 other Arab states? There's no difference between a 'Palestinian' and a 'Syrian' anyway."

To the Palestinians the Jews constituted on one hand, European Imperialists, like the French in Algeria, the Italians in Ethiopia, or the British in Palestine, and a religious community on the other. "Why should a religious group have a state? Nations, not religions build states."

Each attempted to define the other. Neither accepted the enemy nation's own self definition, nor its claims to legitimacy.

That era ended yesterday. Whatever the future may bring, and there will surely be bloodshed and pain on both sides before this is over, what happened is irreversible. The two sides have looked each other in the eyes and said "we agree that you have a right to this land."

As a Zionist, one who believes in the fundamental right of the Jewish people to live as a nation in its land, I am ecstatic that the era of non-recognition has come to a close and an era of mutual recognition has opened. Because inherent in Zionism's demand for self-determination for the Jews is a principle of justice which calls for that right for all peoples, including the Palestinians, who claim the very same land that we do as their own.

Let us hope that the era ahead, the era of mutual recognition will be a healthier one for both peoples. Let us hope that both nations find it within themselves to allow the other to exist and prosper by its side.

LETTERS

Mending our Ways

To the Daily:

I have been reading the Daily for many years. While I do not always agree with its approach to subjects, I have always defended and admired its insistence on editorial independence.

It is however with dismay that I noted that in Dave Ley's first front page article in the issue of Sept. 6 ("More U.S. PhD's...") the names of both of the main sources quoted in your article were both consistently mis-spelled. For the record, they are Prof. Roger KROHN and Mr. Patrick CROWLEY.

I find that you do a disservice to the credibility of your paper and of yourself as Ed-in-Chief when you start off the year with such examples of shoddy journalism.

Please mend your ways. The Daily will be better for it.

Francisco Uribe
McLennan Library

Jabba the Hut

To the Daily:

Warning to all hungry students: Pizza Hut sucks. No, I mean really. It was lunch time; I was famished. I thought I'd try the Pizza as I reminisced about Monday special's all-you-can-eat cheesy sloppy pizza hut pies (of course that was in Ottawa. It would be too much to propose such an event on campus right?). So Anyway, I headed down to the alley.

Well, actually I fled; the salmonsque decor of Gert's was too repulsive. The Alley too now looks trashy. They won't even make ready made sandwiches for you anymore. Now they make them in the morning and store them in the fridge. Apparently the Alley is too under-staffed to serve fresh food. Okay, so I stood in line for about 15 minutes (too long) only to pay \$2.99 plus tax for a "supreme" pan pizza. Supreme piece of shit is more like it. It was smaller than a regular slice of Pizza! I swear it was smaller than a frisbee; it was the size of a small danish, or a hamburger bun. And what scanty toppings! It was not worth three bucks. Look, I'm a small person. I don't eat a lot. Usually a McDonald's cheeseburger is enough for me. And that crappy crusty tasteless disk of "Pizza" didn't even soothe the hollow pit of my stomach. In fact it gave me gas. And it made me angry. Why the hell is Pizza Hut allowed to invade campus with its shoddy wares? Why are they taking advantage of starving students? Why can't they offer a real deal? Or at least quality food for the price?

Bring back made to order sandwiches instead!

You know, the sign outside the shatner student union building should not read: "Pizza Hut! Now Open!"

Rather: "Pizza Hut! Now Ripping you off!"

— An irate student on a quest for a good meal

Ritu Prasad
U3 Psychology

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Montréal Haitians march on U.S. consulate

BY DAVE AUSTIN

It has been only two weeks since Robert Malval was sworn in as the new prime minister of Haiti — an act seen by many as a precursor to the return of exiled president Jean Bertrand Aristide. Yet the killing and senseless violence in Haiti has only escalated.

This weekend, Antoine Izmary, a prominent businessman and close associate of Aristide, was dragged from a church in Port au Prince to a nearby street and gunned down in broad daylight.

Though no one has owned up to the murder, the killing is said to be the work of undercover police who are well connected to the Haitian army. The army orchestrated the 1991 coup d'état which sent Aristide into exile seven months after his election.

Izmary was one of the few wealthy Haitians who actually supported Aristide, the people's choice in Haiti. His death is not only a sad loss to his family who witnessed the brutal killing. It is a serious blow to Haiti's liberation movement.

Sadly forgotten are the many civilians who have been killed at the hands of the military in recent weeks, receiving little or no attention from the media and certainly no analysis of the situation in its entirety.

Montréal protest

This Monday, in response to the weekend's events, more than 300 predominantly Haitian demonstrators marched along Rene Levesque to the main doors of the U.S. Consulate on

Alexandre, singing national Haitian songs and screaming for "true democracy" in Haiti.

Typically, little media coverage was given to the event, although there are over 50,000 Haitians in Montréal whose lives are intricately intertwined with the events in Haiti.

Protesters chanted "Démocratie pour Haïti", "Aristide ou la mort", "No Aristide, no peace", and "Nous exigeons le départ de Cedras et Michel François" (referring to army chief Cedras and his right hand man, Michel François, who is believed responsible for ordering many of the killings in Haiti).

Upon arriving at the U.S. consulate, the call for democracy and peace in Haiti became notably more direct as the crowd became increasingly charged.

Their anger was directed at the unseen U.S. officials in the consulate. Many believe that the U.S. government played a major role in the coup d'état which deposed Aristide and exiled his govern-

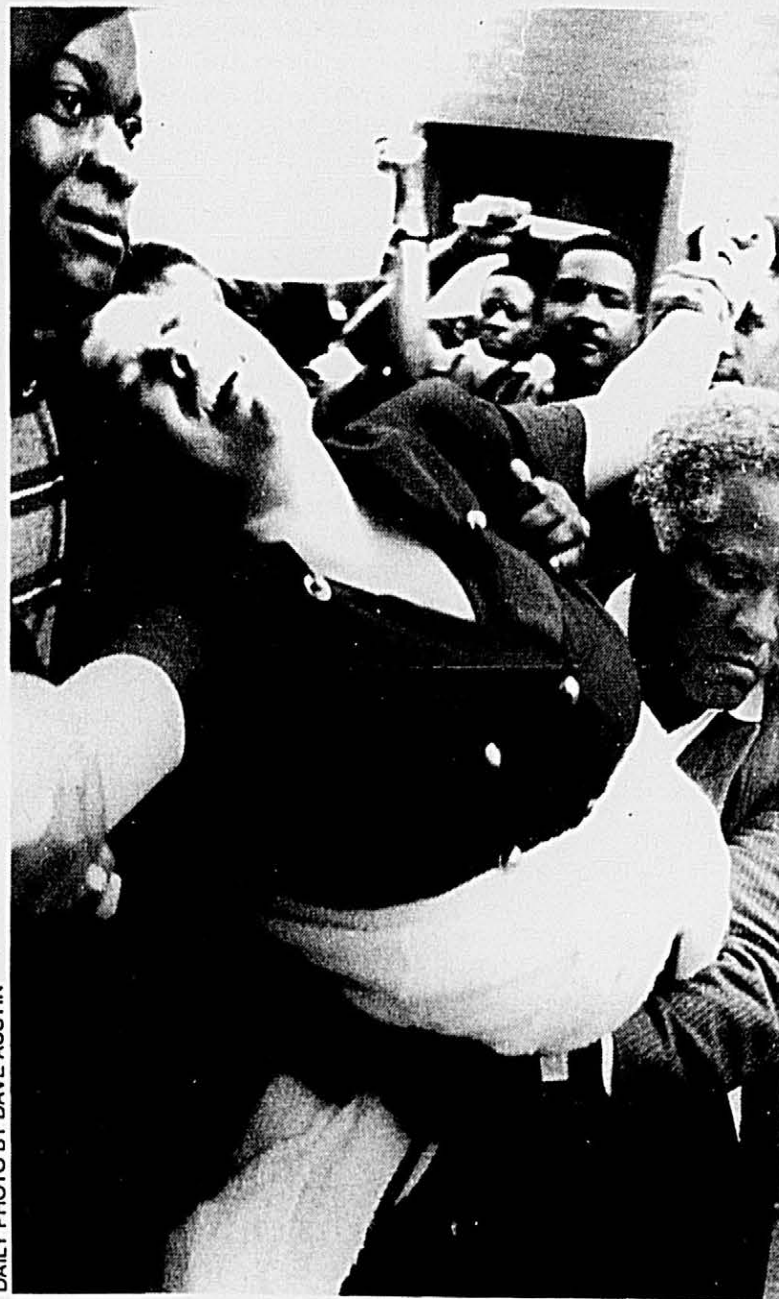
ment to, ironically, Washington.

The U.S. has a strong record of intervention in the affairs of Caribbean basin states which it deems "undemocratic" and a "threat to its security". Such threats have included Panama, Nicaragua, and Grenada, a country of close to 100,000 people which was invaded in 1980.

Cries from amongst the crowd such as "C.I.A. complice", "La mort d'Izmary, America complice", or "Haïti oui, U.S. Marines non!" are not unfounded.

They are the cries of angry women, men, and children protesting decades of internal and external repression, U.S. and other intervention, an trade embargoes. All of this has contributed to the present crisis in the country.

Judging from the spirit of the crowd, Haiti, the only former European colony to actually fight and win its independence from colonial forces, is not ready to give up its battle for freedom and dignity.



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Crowd supports Demonstrator overwrought with emotion



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Demonstration in front of U.S. Consulate

Women march to take back the night

Event marked by declining attendance

BY LISA LARENTE

"Women Unite! Take Back the Night!" sounded throughout the Plateau Mount Royal streets last Saturday evening at the annual Take Back the Night march.

Women from the Montréal area gathered together at this celebrated march to send out a clear message that violence against women will not be tolerated.

Shira Avni, a Dawson College student who attended the march, said what many women feel, "I hate having to watch my back. I'm terrified to walk home at night."

Take Back the Night was initiated in 1978 by a group of San Francisco women who were outraged by the prevalence of pornography and increasing incidents of violence against women.

The march is now held on the third Friday of September in many cities across North America and Europe. Now in its 12th year in Montréal, this event offers women the luxury of walking late at night in an entirely non-threatening environment, an experience taken for granted by men.

The protesters left Devonshire Park in the McGill ghetto at 7:30 p.m. and marched peacefully, chanting demands for an end to the violence. They carried placards with messages like "Dead men don't rape." The

march was followed by a solidarity dance at Centre St. Denis.

Over the years, Take Back the Night in Montréal has been subject to an unfortunate trend in declining numbers of women coming out to support the cause. This is discouraging to many organizers because as the protesters' numbers have decreased, actual incidents of violence against women are increasing.

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Susan Longpriere, a participant in the march, expressed frustration at Montréal's meager showing. "I've been to much bigger marches in much smaller places."

Men were not invited to participate in the march but were encouraged to help behind the scenes. The "women only" specification has angered some would-be marchers because they feel

that men and women should participate together in the fight for women's safety.

Mary Anne Davis, an organizer of the march explained why men were not invited to march, "We want to show Montréal that we don't need a paternal hand guiding us. The march is a symbolic gesture to show that women can have strength and power all on their own."

Marching that night among

hundreds of women, I began to appreciate why men were not included. As Pattie Shaw said "We don't have the night. We don't have the streets. We can't walk and feel safe. It is something women never escape from. It is always there."

But for those two hours, we did have the night. We did have the streets, and we could walk without fear.



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Demonstrator at Take Back The Night

Prospects for peace in the Middle East

An interview with Yousef Arafat, former president of McGill's Palestinian Solidarity Committee (PSC)

BY DAVID AUSTIN

On Monday, the 13th of September, a historic peace accord was signed between representatives from the Palestinian Liberation Organisation (PLO) and the government of Yitzhak Rabin. Some of the major points covered in the accord include:

The withdrawal of Israel from the Gaza Strip and Jericho, though retaining control and overall security of the entry points to the autonomous areas. Negotiations on the final status of the territories and East Jerusalem would begin in two -three years.

It is sincerely hoped that the signing of the peace accord will put an end to the bloodshed that has plagued Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza.

The question remains: Will the accord bring peace?

In an attempt to at least partially answer that question, the *Daily* spoke to Yousef Arafat, former president of the McGill Palestinian Solidarity Committee, prior to his departure to England, where he will

continue his studies on the Middle East.

Daily: What do you make of the accord that was signed on Monday? What does it mean in terms of peace in the region?

Yousef Arafat: Well, for the first time I believe it has established, once and for all, as the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, something that Israel has been continuously trying to undermine, question and to deny. And beyond that it has brought to the fore that any permanent and just peace in the Middle East cannot be reached without a final and comprehensive settlement to the Palestinian question. The Palestinians are a people; they have a right, they have a legitimate right to self determination of their own territory, something which I believe has been established yesterday with the signing of the declaration of principles.

Furthermore, I think the Israelis, or at least those in government have come to an understanding that the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) are the ones to talk to when it comes to the issues of the Palestinians.

It is my personal opinion that it is a good step in the right direction.

What about opposition to the accord?

No doubt there is opposition on both sides. On the Palestinian side, members of the Hamas have extremely strong reservations regarding this issue, stemming from religious reasons. I can relate to many of their concerns. However I feel one should take reality into consideration. For instance, there are four million Jews in Israel. When there was a deportation of 400 hundred Palestinians the whole world went in roars for deporting the Palestinians.

The notion of the entirety of the land for Palestinians is difficult as I'm sure it is very problematic for the settlers in the West Bank and Gaza to have to give up their territory. You have to understand that it is equally as difficult for us Palestinians to give up our claim to the rest of Palestine having signed this accord.

There is no doubt that Gaza is the stronghold of Hamas, however, it is my feeling that if this peace accord, this Declaration of Principles is carried through and the interim government functions within the first two years, it is crucial that more and more economic aid is poured into the region.

Hamas' strongest hold is in Gaza where the economic situation is the worst and if the United States and the World Bank funnel more money for development in the region, I am sure this will influence the development of the Declaration of Principles and hopefully within two to five years a permanent settlement with an independent sovereign state [will exist].

What about opposition to the accord on the part of Israelis?



The greatest opposers to the peace accord (I think it will be more appropriate at this time to call it a declaration of principles) are found outside the Israeli parliament. Their concerns stem from a religious, ultra-orthodox stand point many of them being settlers of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Their concerns stem

from that perspective. Some will argue that "well, it is a security thing". But I think it comes from the settler's view which is a religious orthodox view.

Even if a Palestinian state were to get its own independence, a genuine effort has to be made to allow the state to prosper. The people at the receiving end of the failure of a Palestinian state to survive would be the Israelis.

If there is no genuine effort to solve [the problem] then we will end up with a similar situation to that in South Africa.

You have mentioned some of your fears. What do you expect to be the result of the accord?

What I hope for is a genuine peace, a genuine, whole-hearted attempt of reconciliation. I realise, for my generation, on the Palestinian side and the Israeli side it is going to be quite tough and challenging. We have our own concerns and our own prejudices, but the hope and prospects for the coming generations are that they be the ones who will not have to do what the Palestinians and the Israelis have had to endure. It has been very tough for the Palestinians. We've been fighting for almost two generations now to secure our rights. We've had to endure deportation, violations of human rights and living abroad when no other country is allowing us to live and settle in peace.

We have to realise that without genuine effort from the Israeli side there is really no prospect for [peace]. There is a lot of mistrust. Hopefully within the next two years with these confidence building measures, something complete will materialise. It is just a lot of goodwill on both sides.

McGill prof speaks on the PLO-Israeli peace process

Israel apprehensively optimistic

BY LIZ UNNA

McGill political science professor Harold Waller spoke on the Palestinian-Israeli peace process at the Shomrim LeBoker Synagogue this past Sunday. The event was sponsored by the synagogue, B'nai Brith Canada and by the Canada-Israel Committee.

Steven Cohen, a native Montréal and head of the Centre for Middle East Peace, was scheduled to speak at the event, but was called at the last minute to Washington.

Cohen has played a vital and extremely low-key intermediary role in the PLO-Israeli peace negotiations. "We don't even know exactly what his role was, it's very discreet. He is difficult to pin down," says Daniel Amar of the Quebec Canada-Israel Committee.

He stressed that although the peace agreement would not end the conflict, it hopefully will provide a basis for peace. The peace signed with Egypt 15 years ago at Camp David constitutes the first breakthrough in the process, introduc-

ing the possibility of autonomy and self-government.

"The agreement represents a desire for normality, for security," stated Waller. "It is most important to protect Israel's security, the security of the state. Peace doesn't eliminate the threat of security."

Waller addressed the timing of the peace agreement, commenting on why the moment is right for both sides.

The Rabin government sees peace as a priority and is uncomfortable with the idea of occupation, stated Waller. In addition to external pressure, there is less will in the Israeli public to pay the price of staying in the occupied territories.

On the Palestinian side, Waller noted that the PLO's financial problems might have contributed to the desire to bargain with Israel. Also there is a growing recognition in the PLO that there is much to be gained through diplomacy rather than through armed struggle.

While remaining optimistic overall, Waller admitted there are disadvantages to the agreement, namely that the outcome of the

peace accord is undetermined. "In five years what will happen? The agreement will most probably lead to the creation of a Palestinian state."

Waller noted that Israel has not fully thought through all the implications of the accord. How will the PLO ensure the end of terrorist acts against Israel by extreme factions as it has promised? he asked.

Daniel Amar commented on Arafat's sincerity. "I don't think he's bluffing. You can't go backwards, we're talking about a real acknowledgement. Arafat can't pretend he's bluffing, the Arab people wouldn't believe him. Arafat is gambling with his existence and Rabin is gambling with the existence of his people. I believe that they are sincere."

Waller agrees. "Israel is basically relying on the good will of the PLO and its ability to maintain control over the extreme factions."

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